**The Matrix**

The matrix is a about a guy called Neo who discovers that the world as we know it is actually just a computer programme that was designed to keep control of the human race. Neo is given the choice of the red and blue pill, he opts to delve deeper into the matrix. The main issue surrounding the matrix is what makes something real. Just because Neo is in a computer programme, does it actually mean that everything in the matrix is an illusion, or can the matrix be classified as being real, it all depends on what we think real actually is.

Neo asks Morpheus what the matrix is, he replies by saying “no one can be told what the matrix is, you have to see it for yourself”. Physically seeing what the matrix is, helps Neo to believe in the matrix, the use of his senses is a way of knowing. However how can he rely on his senses telling him what is real, when he lived in a world that he thought was real, but it turned out to be just an illusion. Morpheus talks about what is real; “What is real? How do you define real? If you're talking about what you can feel, what you can smell, what you can taste and see, then real is simply electrical signals interpreted by your brain.”

Another issue in the matrix is that there are no boundaries of what you can and cannot do. For example when Neo watches a kid bending a spoon using his mind, he is told that it is impossible to bend the spoon, and instead he should realize the truth; that there is no spoon. It is not the spoon that bends but only you.

In the movie, Neo has problems determining his dreams from real life. An example of this is when agent smith plants a ‘bug’ kind of tracking device. Neo believes that this had happened in his dream and it did not actually occur. Later on the bug that had been planted in him from his so called ‘dream’ was actually found inside him. Does this make his dream real, how does he know it was a dream. Morpheus- “Have you ever had a dream, Neo, that you were so sure was real? What if you were unable to wake from that dream? How would you know the difference between the dream world and the real world?

Basically the Matrix makes us question what is reality and what ways are there of knowing that something is real.